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Dear [REDACTED]

I am sorry that pressure of work here has prevented prompt acknowledgment of your recent progress reports, and want to assure you that they are studied with interest. We are following your progress as closely as we can at this distance.

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With reference to a permanent appointment for [REDACTED] the Table of Organization which is about to be implemented provides for only one custodial employee at the West Coast station, and it is believed here that one is sufficient for normal custodial requirements. If, however, it can be shown that an equivalent saving in contractual obligations can be effected by using an extra man for automotive, teletype and dictaphone maintenance, we may be able to justify an increase in the Table of Organization. It will be necessary, meantime, to continue [REDACTED] in temporary status until your installation there is activated, and the increase can be justified on the basis of actual experience.

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It is too bad that the Engineers have caused a further delay in your plans. Although you indicate that probably nothing can be done about it because of the priority assigned their CIT job, we are attempting at this end to bring a little pressure on them.

Please let us know when you have a reasonably firm date for laying your RG 85/U cable, and far enough in advance that we can arrange for someone to go out and instruct your men in the splicing operation. [REDACTED] is making some revision of its splicing equipment and procedure, it will be best not to send an instructor until you are actually ready.

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There is some doubt about the possibility of our being able to provide the alterations to the air-conditioning system and the landscaping which you discussed with General Sibert. These are regarded as major permanent improvements to leased property, not legally permissible at government expense. It has been suggested that the owner be asked to make these improvements; but since he seems unlikely to be willing to do so, the question is being investigated further.

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Please try to arrange locally [REDACTED] to handle your automotive repair and maintenance for the present on a reimbursable basis. If you have difficulty, let us know and instructions to them will be arranged.

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Chief, FBIS

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